

action, let's see you change, and there ought to be a method to say, this is an unlawful act, let's have that unlawful practice stopped. With our current law we are unable to do that. I believe this Legislature wants the tools available so that when an unlawful act is committed, someone can be reminded not to go to court, not to string them up by their thumbs, not to hang them upside down, but to say, whoa, this is an illegal act, an unlawful act... you didn't mean to, but the results are discrimination, therefore let's have it cease. That is the intent and with this proposed change, it would be possible.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is almost as if by an act of fate that this bill comes up against the backdrop of what happened this morning. I have said on this floor that there's racism in this state. I've said there's racism in this Legislature, and while we're in the mood for it, I want to tell some of the senators I'm aware of some of the remarks you make, and there's one of them...of you that I'm going to talk to before the day is over, and I wish Senator Clark was here so I could ask him a question. Here's what is difficult for me to understand. How in the world this Legislature is going to say, that a practice can be discriminatory but there is no way to bring a cease to that discriminatory action. I'll you what the issue is. Women have just now begun to assert themselves and recognize that they are facing problems because they're females and they ought to try to do something to correct it. But see, these laws deal with black people, with people like me, who are to be systematically humiliated and degraded, but one place where you're lucky, those of us who have been degraded and humiliated in this fashion have enough self respect so that we will not collar an old man who has no physical chance and whip him. We won't do it although we feel that way. So we'll go along and listen to these insults. We'll watch the hypocrisy in the Legislature. We'll listen to people like Senator Nichol, and Senator Clark, and Senator Stoney say, well you can't put this burden on business by requiring them to treat all people fairly when you can establish that a practice of theirs is wrong. It would be like saying I didn't realize that I was cutting furrows through Senator Kremer's land, but since I didn't intend to do it, I cannot be made to stop. It is the white people's Constitution and Declaration of Independence that talk about people being created equal, having inalienable rights. Then your Legislatures are supposed to enact laws pursuant